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1. Japanese Patent Application No. 49-72209 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 2 of the specification of the present application. An English-language abstract of this document is also enclosed.

2. Japanese Patent Application No. 59-163335 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 2 of the specification of the present application. An English-language abstract of this document is also enclosed.

3. Japanese Patent Application No. 47-8046 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application. A partial translation of this document is also enclosed.

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5. Japanese Patent Application No. 49-34652 - The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 3 and 4 of the specification of the present application. A partial translation of this document is also enclosed.

6. Edited by Shokubai GAKKAI; "SHOKUBAI KOZA DAI 5 KAN"; Kodansha Scientific, pages 260-269, (1985). A partial translation of this document is also enclosed.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of document No. 6, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the Japanese Patent Office in

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